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MRS. STEPHEN J. WILLIAMS
Emporia's 1956 "Women of the Year"

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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Our Cover Picture

With May the month of Mother's Day and Family Life Week Observance, we are proud to call attention to a very special recognition of a wonderful Mother and Home Maker at a reception held April 18 at the Broadview Hotel Grill Room in Emporia. Mrs. Stephen J. Williams, wife of the Rev. Stephen J. Williams and mother of four children, was honored as the 1956 "Woman of the Year" by Beta Sigma Phi, social and cultural sorority, sponsors of the award. Possible recipients for the award are nominated by a secret committee of 10 people from all walks of life in the community.

Mrs. Williams was chosen as deserving of the admiration and love of her fellow Emporians because of her outstanding life of service to her family, her church and her community. She takes a warm interest in the activities of her four children—Rosalind aged 7, Stephen 11, Don 15, and Dick 17. In the church she teaches a Sunday School class of children, is active in the Women's Work and is ever helpful to her busy, minister husband. No count is kept of the dozens of cakes or the hundreds of cookies she bakes each month to bring cheer to a home where there is sorrow, sickness or extra pressure. She is never too busy to set out 2, 3 or more added plates for extras that drop by at mealtime.

In the community she is a member of P.E.O., Research Club, Social Service Club, Child Guidance Club, The Gallon Club at the Blood Bank, and a sponsor of Emporia State's Y.W.C.A. Little wonder that her good works and enthusiasm for serving others has gained such recognition. Congratulations, Etta Williams, on this well-deserved award.

Mother's Day

By George Ogden Kirk

It is a day of memories. 'Tis not a day of sadness or remorse, but one of challenge and self-respect. For some, she is far away, separated by time or distance. Yet to all she is as near as the memory of a song, or as that word of courage planted in the heart to gaze upon in moments that are full of fear. She is the possession of us all.

What was once her unwelcome counsel seems to us now like the words of a prophet. All we know of responsive affection came to us first during those early lullabies, cradled as we were, in arms that held security for our little world. Her courage can be seen at its best when she sends her sons to war; her patience, when a never ending night becomes alive with childish cries of pain. Her understanding is the world's watchword when a wayward member of her family returns home, disgraced. Her faith is at its best when all else fails-she trusts in God. This is her day, but give her more—rededication to the best. Her dreams then shall be fulfilled.

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CHARLES LEE BURNS INSTALLED AT WICHITA PLYMOUTH

Pictured (l. to r.) Charles L. Burns, Ross Snyder, George Ogden Kirk.

At an Ecclesiastical Council of Southern Association held at Plymouth Church in Wichita on the afternoon of April 22, the Rev. Charles Lee Burns, Jr., shared his background of experience, his statement of faith and his plans in the area of special religious work with youth.

Following a dinner, Mr. Burns was installed as Associate Minister and Director of Youth at Plymouth Church. Dr. Ross Snyder brought the sermon, Dr. L. M. Rymph, the charge to the minister, the Rev. George Ogden Kirk the charge to the Church. Outstanding music was furnished by the North High School Choir.

Youth Seminar

The installation was followed by three days of intensive study by Youth Leaders. Some twenty leaders met with the six men pictured below. Their purpose was to seek new ways of helping young people to translate the raw experiences of their lives into "felt significance"—ways in which Christian principles can become a real guiding force.

Seminar Leaders

Left to right - Dr. Snyder, Chicago Theological Seminary; Dr. Charles Johnson, Perkins School of Theology; Dr. Ross Mooney, Ohio State Department of Education Research; Rev. Charles Lee Burns, Associate Minister of Wichita Plymouth; Fred Colvin, Director of Special Services, Wichita Public Schools; Dr. Jackson O. Powell, Dean of the School of Education, Wichita University.

Southland Studies

Places you have read about become people you have met and talked with when you take the Missions Council Southern Study Tour. This spring the tour began with a seventy-five mile bus trip through Chicago's "back yard" under the guidance of the Chicago City Missionary Society. Here we learned much of the history and the problems of the great city and visited some of the places where Christian love and help are given to people in the crowded sections. The Southern Tour ended with many miles of driving through the section of Missouri we know best as Delmo Communities. Here we visited several thrift shops, community centers and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hansen at Lilbourn.

During the twelve days between these two visits we went as far East as Atlanta, Georgia and south to New Orleans visiting in all, eight colleges, ten or twelve social centers, three community projects, a number of grade and high schools, one school being Cotton Valley where we were served lunch by the seventh and eighth grade girls. We were guests in many churches where hospitality and graciousness to guests exceeded anything we have met in the north and where serious and deeply moving discussions were held with prominent people of the community.

We also visited Flint-Goodrich Hospital in New Orleans. One Sunday we attended church at the Fisk University Chapel and the second Sunday at Central Congregational Church in New Orleans where the women of the church prepared a delicious lunch featuring Southern food before taking us to the airport to board our plane back to Jackson, Miss., where we were met by the same friends from Tougaloo who had taken us to the plane on Friday.

We saw many places where our church was at work and many other places where much more could be done. We talked with many people about the current problems in the South and came away convinced that it will take a long time and much hardship to solve if it is ever solved.

We had time for some sight-seeing and were so royally entertained in so many places it is very hard to come back home and start being just a person in our communities again.

There were seventeen people from seven states on the tour.

To see Our Christian World Mission at work, we heartily recommend the Southern Mission Study Tour.

Mrs. R. R. Spohrer, and
Mrs. C. E. Georgeson,
Lenora

Gaylord Honors Minister

In observance of the 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Curless, the church staged a successful surprise party and shower on April 2. The parsonage family was invited to a home in the country for supper and returned to find the large delegation at the church. The Rev. and Mrs. John Becker of Lenora, long time friends, were present and assisted with a program in the church sanctuary. This was followed by a social hour and presentation of gifts including, a swivel TV chair, a serving cart, two lace tablecloths, a $500.00 raise in salary and many other useful gifts.

Getting Acquainted

The Freidens E and R Church Guild with their pastor, the Rev. Al Bruggemann were guests of the Seneca Congregational Women's Fellowship on April 6. Seneca Women presented a program. "A Key to the Scriptures" followed by refreshments.

Leavenworth Men Raise Church Building Funds

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank E. Washburn, and the fine leadership of Mr. LeRoy Eide of the Board of Home Missions, the members of Pilgrim Church in Leavenworth have pledged $35,211.10 to be collected within the next two years, to be used for the construction of a new church building.

Pilgrim Church is the result of the federation of First Congregational Church and Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1949. First Congregational Church was organized in 1858, and the first building was erected at Fifth and Delaware. The present building, which is now being used by the federation, was built at Fifth and Walnut in 1888.

The German Evangelical Salem Congregation (later became known as Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church) was organized in 1887, and this group purchased a church building at Fifth and Arch Streets, which building is still being used from time to time by the Federated Church. The location of this church is tentatively considered as the site for the new church.

During the past year, the name, "Pilgrim" was chosen for the church. The church has been incorporated, and both of the constituent congregations voted to turn all property over to Pilgrim Church.

The long-time desire for a new church building saw the formation of a Building Committee, and tentative plans have been made; the financial canvass has culminated in a fine start for the new building. It is estimated that the first stage of the building will cost $70,000.00.

General Council at Omaha—June 20-27

About 3000 Congregational-Christians are expected in Omaha for the 14th meeting of the General Council

Kansas will have 25 vovting delegates, but many others should plan to attend the sessions. Seldom will the General Council be so coonveniently located for Kansas Congregationalists.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Rev. Marvin Hein, Minister at Wakefield has resigned, effective July 15 to accept a professorship at Tabor College. Mr. Hein served our Wakefield Church on a part-time basis for more than two years while attending Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City. Mr. Hein's ministerial standing is with the Mennonites. He has given full time to the Wakefield church for the past year. Under his leadership the church attendance and program has made marked progress.

The Rev. Franklin L. Jost, also a Mennonite Minister has been serving our church at Stanley for almost three years. While finishing his Seminary work at Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City. Having completed his course he has resigned at Stanley, effective June 12. The Jost's have lived in the Stanley parsonage and have been greatly loved in the church and community.

The Rev. R. Banks Blocher, for the past two years minister of our Eureka Congregational Church, has resigned effective August first. Mr. Blocher was Headmaster and Chaplain of Phelps School for Boys at Malvern, Pennsylvania before coming to Eureka. He has accepted a position on the faculty of Cheshire Academy, a secondary school for boys at Cheshire, Conn. Mr. Blocher's mother who has been unable to be with him at Eureka, will share a campus residence with him in Cheshire and be on the staff as a housemother. Under Dr. Blocher's leadership at Eureka, the physical plant has been greatly improved and a progressive program has been carried out.

The Rev. Harold E. Gentzler, Director of Christian Education of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Wichita, for the past 21 months, has resigned to accept a call as Director of Religious Education for the First Congregational Church of Muskegon, Michigan, beginning July first. Mr. Gentzler, a native of Wichita, received his A.B. degree from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas and his Masters' in Religious Education from College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky. Under his leadership at Wichita Pilgrim, the Church School and Youth Work has greatly increased in both numbers and efficiency. Mrs. Gentzler, the former Barbara Platt, has been active in church work and has been a teacher in the Weekday Church School. The Gentzler's will leave Wichita, June 15 for Michigan.

Unruh To Ford

The Rev. Noah Unruh resigned his pastorate at Lincoln, effective April 15. On April 22 he was given a call to our Congregational Church at Ford where he began work immediately.

The Unruh family will move to Ford in May. The church parsonage has been greatly improved in preparation for the new minister.

South Central Wichita Gifts

Additional response to the appeal for funds to buy equipment for the new Wichita Church have been received from the following:

Eureka	20.00
Garfield	2.00
Haven	27.00
K. C. Welborn	100.00
Newton	3.25
Prairie Village	5.00
Smith Center	30.00
Topeka Central	200.00
Towanda	39.10
Udall	21.06
Whitewater	29.16

Udall Church

Udall To Dedicate

On May 27, the Sunday nearest May 25, the first anniversary of the devastating tornado, which wiped out the town of Udall, killing 80 persons and crippling scores of others, the new Congregational Church will be dedicated. The congregation has been worshiping in the new building since November, while work toward its completion continued.

For eight months following the tornado, the Rev. A. F. Tieszen served the church, driving each Sunday from Newton. On March first, the Rev. Penn F. Chambers was called as resident Minister. He has lived in the basement of the church during the completion of the parsonage. The well arranged modern four room parsonage is being built over the old church basement on lots adjoining the new church.

Attendance at the church on Easter Sunday broke all records with 170 present for the morning worship. Much of the work on the church and parsonage has been done by the volunteer labor of the church members. Their courage and sacrificial devotion deserve much commendation. New pews and chancel furniture have been ordered and will be installed before the Dedication Sunday. Dr. L. M. Rymph, Conference Superintendent, will bring the Dedication Message.

Udall Parsonage Under Construction

Lenora

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Becker of Lenora have each been awarded a scholarship to the Camp Farthest Out at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska this summer. Among leaders at the Camp will be Dr. Frank Laubach, Margaret Fisk and Starr Dailly. Ronne Becker will accompany them and attend the children's camp in connection with Camp Farthest Out.

Attending Pastor's School

The Rev. A. H. Bartter of McPherson will attend La Foret Pastor's School July 4 to August 6.

The Rev. O. T. Meador will attend the Eastern School at Deering, New Hampshire, July 11 to August 1.

A Third Boy

Born to the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lee Burns, Jr., of Wichita Plymouth, Mark Lee, on April 14.

Topeka E. and R. Church

The Rev. Vernon Kurz of the Wells Creek E. and R. Church moved to Topeka early in May to take over leadership of the new Fairlawn Heights E. and R. Church being organized at Eighth and Fairlawn.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

HEARTWARMERS

It was heartwarming . . . . .

to visit Lawrence Plymouth with my friend Pearl Gross as a traveling companion. We were given a fine luncheon and enjoyed wonderful fellowship. It was heartwarming to shake hands with women whose church has next to the highest per capita giving to **Our Christian World Mission** in the State and this is the face of a very large building program.

to visit Udall and see their fine new church. It was an honor to have dinner with the men who were giving their talents to build the new parsonage next door and with the pastor, Penn Chambers who looked charming in overalls, and the women who prepared the meal. The women are giving to Friendly Service, the Woman's Gift, and in other ways are sharing what was saved from the disaster which struck them last May.

to go to Kinsley where Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parkhurst gave me bed and breakfast and made me feel at home. The evening meeting was held in the lovely sanctuary of their church, where we enjoyed music on the first pipe organ in that part of Kansas, and a violin and piano selection. It was heartwarming to be invited to attend the Prayer Group the next morning.

to be shown the church at Centralia by the Fred Smith's and to learn from seeing the wonderful improvements that the members really love their church; to share a good fried chicken dinner with the officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bachlan, President of their fellowship; and to see the lovely new home of Senator and Mrs. Burton Lohmuller where the evening meeting was held.

to realize that my pleasure in meeting you deepens as I visit more Fellowships. As I start my second year as your State President, I am very conscious of your friendship and, believe me, that is most HEARTWARMING.

—Vera Lancaster

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Walter Perkins
Mrs. Grant Landrey
By K. C. Ruby Fellowship

Mrs. Laura Davis
By Gaylord Women

Mrs. Fred Laughlin
Mrs. Clyde McCormick
Mrs. Luella Baird
Mrs. Gilbert Doll
Mrs. John Jorgenson
By Mt. Hope Federated Women

Mrs. Clara Hart
Mrs. Alice Fay Allison
By Stanley Community Church

Mrs. Mamie Flynn
By Council Grove Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Grace M. Miller
By Topeka Seaman Guild

Golden Anniversary

Mrs. C. E. Kroh, daughter-in-law, stands beside a portrait of Mrs. Sarah P. Kroh, founder o fthe Whatsoever Circle of the K.C. First Pilgrim Congregational Church. The fiftieth anniversary of the group was celebrated with a tea in the church parlors on April 15, attended by almost a hundred people. The motto of the Whatsoever Circle, which is made up of all the women of the church is, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Mrs. John C. Powell is president of the Circle. Mrs. Helen Copenhaver is Chairman of the Business Women's Group of the church who sponsored the Anniversary Tea.

A Salute To The Women of Western

On April 14, Mrs. J. H. Eckhart, Friendly Service Secretary for Western Association, sent $76.50 to Mr. Harold Belcher, Treasurer of The American Board. Of this amount, $61.50 will help purchase a sewing machine for Mrs. Joseph L. Moulton who, with her husband, serves in India.

This is a Friendly Service gift from the women of our Western Association, but even this doesn't represent all they have done. Some of the women sent their gifts direct instead of thru Mrs. Eckhart, so it seems they have gone the third and fourth mile. These gifts were over and above the Friendly Service quota each church received. Westerners have always been noted for friendliness. This is evidence that their fame is justified.

—Vera Lancaster

Sedgwick Guild

The women of the Guild recently made 268 cancer dressings, preceding their regular meeting. Mrs. Clyde Plummer, President has also organized a Junior Choir which sings at church services. The Guild served the Girl Scout banquet in April and will serve the Alumni Banquet in May.

LAST CALL

First Annual
WOMEN'S RETREAT

McPHERSON COLLEGE
June 4 - 6

Send Registration Blank
with $2.00 for each name
to
Mrs. A. H. Bartter
208 S. Maple
McPherson, Kansas

Before May 28 - The Deadline

For Church Women
Officers - Members - Leaders

Expect to be
Enlightened - Reverent - Joyful

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From YOUR Church

Western Reporting

Of the annual reports received, I would like to commend Lenora, Russell and Osborne Fellowships.

Our Standards of Achievement are to be USED in building programs. How many times a year do you re-read them and check you progress?

Have you, individually, grown spiritually this last year? We must be more than "just another social organization." If that is our only purpose, we have no right to exist. I feel we are "missing the boat" if we read no mission books or have no prayer groups. We have to read these mission books to have a deep interest in Our Christian World Mission.

Really, they are not as "dry" as you might think, but are interesting reading. I am sure the Osborne, Kinsley and Garden City women have been strengthened by their one-day Prayer Schools conducted by Grace Curry and Roberta Fletcher.

In analyzing the annual reports of the past five years, I found that we are weak in Literature, Spiritual Life and Social Action. Our strong points are, Friendly Service and Giving.

I like the proposed idea of having an Assistant Evangelism and Spiritual Life Secretary and Missionary Education Secretary in each Association. With their assistance, let us make improvement next year.

Your association president and these new assistant secretaries would like an invitation to visit your fellowship especially in May and June.

I urge you to send representatives to the Women's Retreat at McPherson, June 4, 5 and 6. Make yourself known to us and let's get acquainted.

Miss Bertha Tindal,
Western President

Southern Reporting

Twenty out of 25 fellowships have made reports and these indicate an informed and growing interest in the women's work and responsibilities. The suggestion that "Women's Fellowship" be adopted, has been followed in all but ten of the groups reporting. Most of the groups have a Key Woman, properly elected and installed and performing the duties. Guide Books were used and approval and usefulness of the President's packet was expressed. The State Conference and Association meetings have been well attended, and 45 women are listed to attend the Retreat, with more planning to register.

Very few prayer groups were reported. Do we stress the need of prayer, personal devotions and regular church attendance enough? Reports seem to indicate a carelessness in reading habits —we should read good books and report them.

Sixteen out of twenty groups used programs in "Out of the Heart of the Gospel", two used all; others, one to five or more. Foreign students and visiting speakers supplied programs in some meetings.

Information regarding church publications was incomplete. A real effort should be made to increase subscriptions to Advance and Congregational Kansas should be in every church home. Social Action had few subscribers.

Friendly Service quotas have been accepted and fulfilled in a gratifying manner. Second mile giving was generous and varied including gifts of money, food and clothing.

Eleven groups gave to church budgets from $50 to $1200; 9 made contributions to OCWM; $8,994 was given for church repairs and improvements.

The influence of women in the work of the church is great. In some phases

we have grown, in some we are lagging. Let us all work together in dedicating ourselves to the following:

I shall Dedicate Myself"

"This is My Church. It is composed of people like me. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, if I who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, I dedicate myself to the task of being what I want my church to be."

Mrs. Henry A. Kittell,
Southern President

Eastern Reporting

The most encouraging thing in the 23 of our 33 fellowships reporting was the number of new members. Worthwhile programs attract people and members are inviting new women. The largest gain was 25 in one group. Six groups will send 13 to Retreat and 7 are "talking about it." A fine start, but let's talk fast, girls, and get more women registered—it will do big things for your group.

Another hopeful area was our reading; more subscriptions to Advance and more groups owning study books. One group reports 100% subscription to Advance and Congregational Kansas. What an informed people we would be if each fellowship could do this? Our book report does not sound as hopeful many read no books. Surely our women read books, so why not report them and share the good news about worthwhile reading with others?

Two of the questions were: "Do you emphasize importance of regular church attendance? and Are you encouraging family worship at home and in the Church?" Some did not even report "Yes," and very few gave enthusiastic reports on how they are doing it. This seems to point up a weak place in our women's work.

Can it be that we are not interested in church attendance and family worship? Surely programs and money making can not be put above worship.

There could be no better project than sending a young family to Estes Park Family Camp. That family could create a whole new attitude toward church attendance and family life, after attending the camp. Why not try it?

We do not have rules and goals laid down for us, but we do have Standards of Achievements to guide us. It would be good to hold these higher for all the women who make up Eastern Association, to see the importance of Church attendance.

Your Eastern President is quite certain the reports would have more good to tell and fewer "no's" if we gave more attention and enthusiasm to our church work.

We American women have a spiritual heritage worthy of our deepest concern, and nothing can take the place of the church in our life, but we can make it more worthwhile and more important.

Mrs. Elmer E. Erickson,
Eastern President

Honor Past Presidents

At an evening meeting of the Women's Fellowship at Kansas City Ruby late in March the Past Presidents were honored and presented with planters of ivy. The occasion was also the 10th anniversary of the Fellowship. Mrs. Dwight Knowlton is President of the group, Mrs. Al Metz is Secretary and Mrs. Emmett Holland is Program Chairman.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

George Epps, President **Marilyn Bell, Secretary**

Boating at Wa-Shun-Ga

Why I Love Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

As the bugle blew the first morning, arousing the camp to a whole day of fun and activity, I knew that I was going to like camp. As the days passed, I was sure. There really is no specific reason why I love camp; there's no one thing I can say that would be the answer; it's just a lot of little things that firmly fastened Camp Wa-Shun-Ga in my heart forever. Little things—like singing the blessing before meals; like meeting new friends from all over Kansas; like chatting with your new found pals as you stand in line for mail-call; like dashing out to get in line at the camp store; like swimming and boating and laughing a lot; like scampering over the whole 17 acres on the treasure hunt; like joining hands in the solemn campfire circle songs; and finally, like climbing Vision Hill to the communion service—the communion that signifies the end of a perfect week and a longer, clearer look ahead.

I'll always remember Wa-Shun-Ga! No matter what may come to me as I go through life, I'll treasure the memory of my weeks spent there—happy weeks, weeks spent close to God, learning of Him and from Him in His great out-of-doors in the glorious company of fellow-Pilgrims and leaders.

A Camper

THREE CAMPS

Senior High: May 27 - June 2; directed by Uncle Ray Jones.

First Junior Hi Camp: June 3-9 directed by Uncle George Fisk for next year's 8th and 9th graders.

Second Junior Hi Camp: June 10-16 directed by Uncle Bill Bryant for next year's 7th and 8th graders.

Eastern Rally

Kansas City Welborn Pilgrim Fellowship were gracious hosts to the Eastern Rally, April 13 and 14. Never have we had more delicious food nor more friendly homes. Mr. and Mrs. Perc Rayl, sponsors, deserve a great vote of thanks for a big job well done, under competition with a very full spring schedule.

Representatives from K. C. Rosedale, Lawrence, Manhattan, Maple Hill, Muscotah, Sabetha, Tonganoxie, Topeka First, Topeka Central and K.C. Welborn arrived promptly at 5:30 Friday and were so friendly immediately that it seemed as if we had been transported back to Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. For the next 18 hours we moved thru a whirl of activity arranged by Uncle Bill Bryant, sponsor; Mary Kay Wurzbacher, President and Larry Deaton, Secretary; and following the theme, "there was only ONE Man on the cross, but He made a lot of difference."

The whole program was beamed at helping each one of us do better in

Kansas P. F. Officers

our own group back home when we had to lead worship, find a project, lead a discussion, or plan a program.

Workshops led by Uncle Orville Hepler, Uncle Bill Bryant, Uncle Bob Tully, and Aunt Margaret Epps, were full of ideas and we were so well acquainted by then we were able to pitch, too. The movie, "The Secret of the Gift" was fine and reduced all of us to tears, but other things like Uncle Oscar Bonny's message and the lovely rhythm choir numbers by K. C. Rosedale's Junior Hi P.F. cheered us right up again.

There was one sad note—this is Uncle Bill's last Rally with us and we'll miss him, but we're awfully glad his last one was so wonderful.

Aunt Margaret Epps,
Reporting

Southern Rally

It is Sunday evening, April 15 and I just returned from our Rally an hour ago and wanted you to know that it was definitely a big success. The Anthony P. F. group under Uncle Merton Rymph's leadership provided service, food and accommodations that will certainly be a challenge for other Rally hosts to equal in the future.

We had a very entertaining Talent Show and discussions that were most thought provoking. Uncle Louie Poppe told us of his experiences in Chicago. Norky Jones filled us with ideas to help make our own P.F. groups better with his talk on "Putting Punch Into P.F." The sermon Sunday Morning by Uncle Merton was an inspiration to all of us.

There were 90 present representing Anthony, Kiowa, Partridge, Towanda Whitewater, Wichita Fairmount, Plymouth and Pilgrim.

Ann Thompson, Secretary
Reporting

Lakeside Service

The Seneca P.F. and M.Y.F. held Union Sunrise Service at Lake Nemaha on Easter Morning. The P. F. was in charge of the service and hosts at the breakfast this year.

Eastern Dawn Service

Wichita Fairmount Jr. Hi and Senior P.F.'s went early Easter Morning to a place in the country a few miles east of Wichita. A rhythmic choir, a speaking choir, trumpet and cello music and a talk on "The Meaning of Easter" by Uncle George Fisk, blended with the beauty of the early morning to make it a rare experience of worship.

Russell P.F.

Newly elected President at Russell is Cindy Ewing. Proceeds from a box supper May 11 will be used to help on expenses to Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

REMEMBER
Camp Wa-Shun-Ga
and
The New Swimming Pool!

Kansas Missionary Honored

On the occasion of her retirement on March 7, 1956 the American Board expressed to Miss Ivy E. Craig of the Rhodesia Mission its appreciation of her thirty-six years of service in Southern Rhodesia, Africa. Miss Craig was born at Marion, Kansas.

Joining the Rhodesia Mission when it was barely a quarter of a century old, Miss Craig took part in the transformation of an almost wholly pagan primitive community ruled by spirits, witch doctors and devils into a self-supporting, self-propagating Christian community with increasing standards of trained leadership, settled and civilized standards of life and the ability to cooperate with the missionary group on a basis of equal partnership.

Even in 1956 the Rhodesia Mission is still geographically isolated and difficult to reach. Thirty-six years ago it was at the end of nowhere, requiring many days of foot travel, following slow-moving ox wagons from the railhead 140 miles away. And even to reach the railhead from the Cape required something like a week of train travel. These difficulties and hardships were as nothing to Miss Craig who bore them all with cheerful willingness.

As a teacher of many subjects at Mt. Silinda Institute, Miss Craig came into touch with hundreds of young Africans. Her classroom work in Scripture and her extra curricular work in religious education were particularly effective. In many parts of Rhodesia today, and even in neighboring South Africa, hundreds of men, ranging in age from young to elderly, give testimany to Miss Craig's influence on them during their years as apprentice carpenters or builders at Mt. Silinda as being the most important in their lives.

Even in the last yeats of her work on the field, Miss Craig still participated in the annual camp sessions of the women's organization, refusing to allow arthritis and the rough accommodations to keep her from this event which meant so much spiritually and culturally to the women of the area.

A pioneer missionaty who underwent great physical inconvenience, Miss Caig had a deep sympathy and understanding for the different type of problems faced by her younger colleagues as they seek to keep up with the needs of rapidly changing Africa, and was an inspiration to all.

Her last major project on the field was the completion of the hymnbook in the Ndau language on which she had worked for many years.

As she leaves the field, many sorrow to see her go, but their hearts are filled with gratitude for what she has brought them.

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A Program of
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About Little River

Pictured above is the beautiful brick sanctuary addition to our church at Little River. New pews and chancel furniture are expected early in June, and the dedication of the new building will be planned soon after.

About 200 people attended the church on Easter Sunday and 184 were in Sunday School. The Rev. Homer Cox is minister.

Easter Reports

Osborne United added 6 to the Congregational roll and 4 to the Presbyterian roll at Easter time.

Lenora had 12 baptisms and received 6 young people into the church on Palm Sunday; also had 18 adult baptisms and received 25 adults into membership on Maundy Thursday. A beautiful Vesper Service on Palm Sunday was directed by Mrs. John Becker featuring a Ryhthmic Choir of girls with the High School boys serving as Narrators.

Rev. Millard H. Marshall reports 17 additions to the church at Onaga and 5 children baptized; at Wheaton one joined the church and 2 children were baptized.

Sabetha Church, the Rev. S. Duane Ogden, minister reports 25 new members at Easter time.

Topeka Seabrook received 31 new members on Palm Sunday with an attendance at the two Easter Services of 516.

The Rev. Fred Smith reports 15 new members and a joyous Easter season with a Union Service on Good Friday, an Easter Egg Hunt at Hidden Park with 100 participating on Saturday, Union Sunrise Service followed by a breakfast and an attendance of 360 at the eleven o'clock service.

At Wichita Plymouth 41 members were received on Palm Sunday and 1500 attended the two worship services on Easter Sunday.

Topeka Central received 31 new members during the Easter Season and had 1156 attending the two worship services on Easter.

Wichita Pilgrim had 498 attending the two Easter Sunday worship services. Twenty four new members were received on April 15.

At Lawrence Plymouth, Dr. Dale Turner received 54 new members during the Easter Season.

At Kansas City Welborn, 18 new members were received and 1245 people attended some church service on Easter Day.

Topeka First received 49 new members and 942 people were in attendance at the two services Easter morning.

Wichita Fairmount received 8 new members on Easter and had 475 present at the two services.

At Topeka Seaman, the Rev. W. E. Dull received 29 new members. The two morning services were attended by 485 worshippers.

Clothing Needed!

Send good, used clean clothing, bedding and shoes to:

Church World Service
4165 Duncan Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Receipts to April 26, 1956

Anthony	$105.36	Little River	$ 5.00
Carbondale	25.00	McPherson	140.08
Dover	7.90	Manhattan	93.75
Emporia First	169.73	Milford	22.00
Eureka	52.40	Mount Hope	23.83
Ford	47.00	Onaga	24.06
Garden City	69.10	Osborne	129.95
Garfield	12.00	Partridge	149.20
Gaylord	12.06	Plevna	65.30
Gorham	60.00	Sabetha	73.94
Great Bend	42.72	Seneca	15.51
Haven	63.50	Smith Center	58.37
Hutchinson	69.20	Topeka Central	600.00
Independence	75.52	Topeka First	213.62
K. C. Rosedale	60.13	Topeka Seaman	35.00
K. C. Ruby	33.25	Wakefield	100.00
Kinsley	44.30	Wheaton	10.50
Leavenworth	25.25	Wichita Pilgrim	86.82
Lincoln	25.05	Wichita South Central	10.52
		Wichita, Plymouth	1,025.00

Lawrence Plymouth $470.35

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EVENING PROGRAMS MEALTIME FUN

August 12 - 19, 1956 **Total Cost - $27.50**

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